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1. SCICOUNS JUNE 23 TRANSMITTED TO KAZAKOV LETTER FROM COSTEL TO IZRAEL' PER REFTEL B. KAZAKOV STATED IZRAEL' WILL WARMLY WELCOME THE ADDITION OF CARL GERBER TO DELEGATION FOR DISCUSSION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF THE ENVIRONMENT SYMPOSIUM. KAZAKOV DOES NOT FORESEE ANY DIFFICULTY IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETING WITH KEILISBOROK, MOST PROBABLY ON JULY 11.

2. KAZAKOV SAID THE SOVIET SIDE WOULD AGREE TO PAY FOR IN-COUNTRY EXPENSES OF ENTIRE U.S. MID-YEAR REVIEW DELEGATION INCLUDING MRS. COSTEL. SCICOUNS NOTED THAT IT MAY BE PREFERABLE FOR SOVIET SIDE ONLY TO PAY FOR ADMINISTRATOR AND MRS. COSTLE, IN VIEW OF THE RECIPROCITY THAT WILL BE ANTICIPATED FOR NEXT YEAR'S REVIEW, AND THE TIGHT EPA REPRESENTATION BUDGET. KAZAKOV RESPONDED THAT HYDROMET IS FLEXIBLE ON THIS POINT AND WILL ACCEDE TO EPA DESIRES. PLEASE ADVISE.

3. SCICOUNS NOTED TO KAZAKOV EPA CONCERN FOR HOLDING DOWN REPRESENTATIONAL EXPENSES, CLEARER DEFINITION OF

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GOALS AND PROJECTS, AND IN GENERAL PUTTING THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT ON A MORE BUSINESS-LIKE BASIS, PER PARA 6 AND 7 REFTEL B. KAZAKOV STATED THAT IZRAEL', IN TURN MAY RAISE WITH ADMINISTRATOR COSTEL AND IMBALANCE NOTED BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE IN THE NUMBERS OF U.S. AND SOVIET RESEARCHERS TRAVELING UNDER THE AGREEMENT ON THE "RECEIVING SIDE PAYS" BASIS. ACCORDING TO KAZAKOV, THE SOVIETS PAID IN-COUNTRY EXPENSES

FOR 30 PERCENT MORE U.S. RESEARCHERS THAN EPA PAID FOR SOVIET RESEARCHERS LAST YEAR. KAZAKOV STATED THAT ART OF THE IMBALANCE LAST YEAR WAS DUE TO THE HOLDING OF THE JCM IN THE SOVIET UNION, BUT ADDED THAT U.S. DELEGATIONS IN GENERAL TEND TO BE LARGER THAN SOVIET DELEGATIONS.

4. SCICOUNS NOTED TO KAZAKOV THE FOLLOWING RECENT DEVELOPMENTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL INTEREST IN THE SOVIET UNION:

(A) INSTALLATION OF A U.S. SUPER-CONDUCTING MAGNET IN THE EXPERIMENTAL MHD FACILITY AT THE HIGH TEMPERATURE INSTITUTE IN MOSCOW (SEE REFTEL C). ACCORDING TO THE U.S. AND SOVIET PROJECT LEADERS MHD OFFERS EXTREMELY GOOD PROSPECTS FOR SULPHUR OXIDE REMOVAL. AT THE HIGH TEMPERATURE AT WHICH THE MHD SYSTEM OPERATES SULPHUR AND THE POTASSIUM SEED ARE COMPLETELY DISASSOCIATED AND COMBINE TO FORM A SOLID, POTASSIUM SULPHATE, WHICH IS THEN RECYCLED IN A CLOSED LOOP SYSTEM. ENERGY LOSSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CLOSED LOOP SYSTEM (THE SOVIETS HAVE DEVELOPED AN EXCELLENT PROTOTYPE) SHOULD BE CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN THOSE PROJECTED FOR STANDARD SO 2 SCRUBBERS.

(B) A RECENT U.S. DELEGATION UNDER THE HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT (10.0202) WAS HIGHLY IMPRESSED BY A FULL SCALE MODEL IN LENINGRAD OF AN UNDERGROUND SOLID WASTE CONVEYOR SYSTEM. SOVIETS ARE CONSIDERING THE FEASIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING A 30 TO 40 KILOMETER UNDERGROUND CONVEYOR TO MOVE SOLID WASTE DIRECTLY FROM THE CITY TO A COMPOSTING CENTER.

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PLEASE ADVISE IF ADMINISTRATOR COSTLE WOULD DESIRE HAVING EITHER OF THE ABOVE ADDED TO HIS PROGRAM. DUE TO TIGHT SCHEDULING IN MOSCOW THE VISIT TO THE HIGH TEMPERATURE INSTITUTE MAY BE ALL THAT IS POSSIBLE HERE. A VISIT TO INDUSTRIAL WASTE WATER/MUNICIPAL SYSTEM COULD BE MOVED TO THE LENINGRAD LEG OF THE TOUR.

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